

storing the first license in first digital audio content; and

authorizing playback of the first digital audio content with the first set of playback

devices.

843 > 11. (Three Times Amended) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon sequences of instructions that when executed one or more electronic systems to:

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create a first license having a first cardinality, wherein the cardinality indicates the number of playback devices that can be authorized for playback of associated digital audio content, the license created by a license management device;

store the first license in a first set of playback devices in response to a command from the license management device, wherein the first set of playback devices is less than or equal to the first cardinality;

store the first license in first digital audio content; and

authorize playback of the first digital audio content with the first set of playback devices.

843 > 21. (Twice Amended) An apparatus for digital license management, the apparatus comprising:

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means for creating a first license having a first cardinality, wherein the cardinality indicates the number of playback devices that can be authorized for playback of associated digital audio content, the license created by a license management device;

means for storing the first license in a first set of playback devices in response to a command from the license management device, wherein the first set of playback devices is less than or equal to the first cardinality;

means for storing the first license in first digital audio content; and

means for authorizing playback of the first digital audio content with the first set of playback devices.

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24. (Amended) A digital data signal embodied in a data communications medium shared among a plurality of network devices to provide digital audio programming, the digital data signal comprising license having a first cardinality, wherein the cardinality indicates the number of playback devices that can be authorized for playback of associated digital audio content, the license having been created by a license management device, the digital data signal further comprising a first digital audio content that is at least a subset of the digital audio programming, wherein a set of playback devices receive the digital data signal and authorize playback of the first digital audio signal if the license included in the computer data signal matches at least one license stored in the respective playback devices.
